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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In the above referenced application, please make the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A laminating device for providing a reinforced region of material supply web, comprising:

a primary feeding mechanism cooperating with a primary supply web for advancing a predetermined length of the primary supply web;

a secondary feeding mechanism for advancing a predetermined length of secondary web;

a cross web shearing apparatus positioned downstream from the secondary feeding mechanism for receiving the predetermined length of the